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ROON	WEDNESDAY, 16th March.
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AHAMBIIDC	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
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OLDENBUKG	WEDNESDAY 11th May
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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAL

NIOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN

J. R. M. SMITH,

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD. or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting GISTER of SHARES of the Corporathe 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. of Shares can be registered.

J. R. M. SMITH,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (NOON) to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

OF HONGKONG.

Secretary. I FEBRUARY next HORSES and/or Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [250 PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOM-CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

No. 74 of 5th February, 1904, the EX-CHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant respectively.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SHOW I FANCY and Other PIGEONS will be held at the KOWLOON HOTEL on the 17TH and 18TH FEBRUARY, 1904. This Show was a great Success last year and was visited by His Excellency the late Governor, Sir HENRY BLAKE, Lady BLAKE and other local Perspeages. Admission to the ground will be free o also all the Entries sent in Prizes will be Riven to the Best Birds of any kind. Entries should be sent AT ONCE to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVID, Kowloon Hotel, All Exhibits will be carefully looked after by experienced

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED,

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings,

New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February,

1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of

Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd

THOS. 1. ROSE,

By Order of the Board of Directors,

· HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,

AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY),

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND

No one admited without a Ticket to be

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [234

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of

GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during

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A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved

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Tickets for which will be sent out with the

Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 15th inst.

admission.

6 and 8 A.M.

All Tickets must be produced to gain

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside

COURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to

the Undersigned between MONDAY, 15th, and SATURDAY, 20th instant.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904.

NOTICE?

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EROM This Date and until after the 25th

ING RACES will not be allowed on the RACE

Members may exercise unentered Horses or

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours of

Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.

By Order to the second of the second

Hongkong, 18th January, 1004.

the ENCLOSURE of the RACE-

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Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

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of SHAREHOLDERS will be beld in

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable

This steamer leaves Canton for Marian every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at amount Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL on FRIDAY, the 19th February, at 5.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of passing the Accounts. for the Year 1903, and electing a Committee

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.

[53] receiving the report of the Directors and the BANKING CORPORATION.

ARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,

By Order of the Court of Directors,

Chief Manager.

NIOTICE is hereby given that the REtion will be CLOSED from SATURDAY

By Order of the Court of Directors,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

will be CLOSED from the 20th February to

the 5th March, both days inclusive. Hongkong, 9th February, 1904.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL TT is hereby notified that FIRE INSUR-ANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUES. DAY and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant, respectively.

A. R. LOWE,

I N accordance with Government Notification

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904.

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The Entries are open to Chinese.

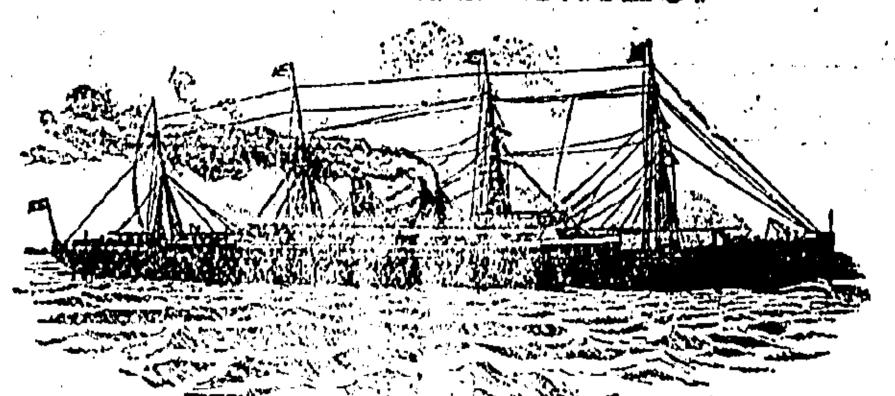
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...THURSDAY, 14th April, at Noon.

... SATURDAY, 30th April, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

" DORIC "..... 4,784

"SIBERIA"11,284

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The writer, having had considerable expein Manchuria and the Far East, with Chinese, Japanese, and Russians, has gathered a few facts which may be of interest in their bearing upon the present situation. In the event of war, the Trans-Siberian Railway would become a source of one of the greatest difficulties to the Russians.

Two points of importance in this connection are, first, the protection of the line, and secondly, its capabilities for transporting troops and material of war. In the first place, it is beyond a doubt the Chunchuses, or Chinese robbers, who are mostly disbanded soldiers, many of them foreign-drilled, well armed with Mannlichers and repeating Winchesters, and provided with ammunition, would on every available opportunity harass the Russian troops, and, if permitted, destroy and take up the line. burn the rolling-stock, and fire volleys into the boilers of the engines, as they did in 1900. Then, again, the railway for a considerable distance to the north-east of Port Arthur is commanded from the sea. This, should the Russian fleet meet with disaster, would mean practically the cutting off of supplies from Port Arthur. Hence the protection of the line will absorb, and keep to certain degree inactive, a very considerable portion of the Russian forces now in Manchuria.

Secondly, the capabilities of the line for transporting troops and material of war are extremely doubtful. The engines are mostly constructed to burn wood, but there is none available in the country. These engines are frequently breaking down, owing to the state they are kept in. At many parts of the line the earthworks are very liable to be affected by the weather. The Russians started coal mines gt Whafangtien, half-way between Newchwang and Port Arthur, also at Mo-chi-san, some few miles from Loiwang, and ten from Mukden, but these can be of no material assistance, as what coal they yield is not of the best nature for driving engines, owing to the accumulation of clinker. Most of the coal in the province is surface.

As to the military position in Manchuria, the Russians hold all the large towns, but, on the other hand, the Japs have fought and know the country with all its weak and strong points as well as, if not better than, the Russians. The Japanese will have the sympathy of all the villagers, for they well know that upon a 10wn being taken by the Japs they immediately protect all the wealthy men from plunder, as they did in their quarter of Tientsin when it was captured in 1900 and Newchwang, captured by them in the Chinese War. Again, the Chunchuses, who are good shots, did much damage to the rallway line generally and to the coal mines at Morchirsan and Whafangtien during the trouble in 1900, and are qu'te equal to giving the Japanese very material assistance. Mounted Chinese militia were formed by the Russians to cope with these robbers and protect the villages outside the sphere of the railway, i which sphere was at one time thirty miles both sides of the line, but now, as we all know, very considerably extended. More than half these militia were robbers, and under this guise further carried on "squeeze pidgin" on the unfortunate villagers. Touching the fighting capabilities of the Russian and Japanese-the former are fine, well set-up men, capable of considerable endurance, but they are slow and wanting in dash, being over-cautious in pushing their attacks home. They most certainly fought well at Tientsin Railway Station during the siege, and it is common report that were it not for the Russians Tientsin would have fallen during Admiral Seymour's absence on his dash for Pekin.

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BIRTH. On the 8th February, at Pendry, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, the wife of CHARLES R. Shaw, of a daughter.

five Cents.

MARRIAGES. On the 1st Feb., at Afghan Memorial Church. Colaba, Bombay, by the Revd. H. W. Nelson ALBERT VICTOR REYNOLDS, of Rose & Co., Bombay, to Annie Amelia (Emily) Robin-

SON, of Singapore. On the 6th of February, at 122, Rue Palikao, Shanghai, by the Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D. LL.D., the Rev. ALBERT C. BOWEN to Miss IEANNE SANDERS, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

DEATH. On the 4th February, at Hangchow, MALCOLM FINLEY, youngest child of the Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Garritt, aged 8 months.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

THE POLICY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A home correspondent writes that he has high authority for stating that a Note has been, or is about to be, communicated to the various Powers by Lord Lansdowne, as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, regards ing the possibility of common action in the event of war breaking out between Japan and Russia. Such action, he says, would cover the general protection of Western lives, property and interests, special ships of each Power being detailed for the purpose; but it would not affect, and would not be intended to affect, any particular policy which, outside these purposes, any Power might wish to pursue. France, Italy, and the United States, it is understood, will cordially respond to the ideas contained in the British Note thus indicated. When the mail left home there was considerable anxiety there as to the attitude of Great Britain in the event of hostilities breaking out between the two Far Eastern Powers. As we have already pointed out on several occasions, the policy of England in such a contingency is strictly defined by the recent alliance with Japan, by which we are bound to help the Mikado's Empire if another power comes to the assistance of the Muscovite We were informed yesterday, by a proclamation of the King's representative, that Great Britain will, in the meantime, observe the strictest neutrality, She will doubtless continue to do so until the end of the war, as the possibility of another Power joining Russia is so remote that its consequences need scarcely be discussed. Supposing, however, that the Japanese fleets suffered annihilation, and the Land of the Rising Sun was ready to throw down its arms to Russia a very serious question would arise. As The Times and several other journals pointed out on the 8th ult., the whole question of the balance of power in the Far East would then be at stake. Russia, triumphant and predominant, would be a most formidable menace to British prestige, influence and commercial interests in the whole of the Western Pacific; but from the opening results of hostilities, Japan seems far from being obliterated, and the contingency suggested is not likely to arise. Should, however, Great Britain have occasion to insist upon the security of her interests in the Far East, it is of moment to note that the British fleet on the China Station is at present one of the strongest in the navy. The battleships include the Albion, flying the flag of the Rear-Admiral, the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.H., C.M.G., the Centurion, the Glory, with the flag of the Commanderin-Chief, Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., the Ocean, and the Vengeance. In addition to these, the fleet comprises five armoured cruisers, including the King Alfred. which is hourly expected, but which we understand is to return home, a strong force of protected cruisers and a destroyer flotilla. [45] We believe we are correct in saying that at

no previous time has the British fleet in

these waters had the strength if now pos-

sesses, nor has it ever been so well equipped in

men and material. There is a probability

of not only a considerable addition being

made to the squadron, but—and perhaps

measures, however, would be adopted not

the necessity unfortunately, writer or 1477

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

POLICE regulations in connection with traffic. etc., at the forthcoming races have been published.

Dogs brought from Shanghai will not be permitted to land in the Colony for a period of six months from to-day.

CAPT. D. McDonald, of the Hongkong Voluntrer Corps, has been granted leave of absence for four months from the 12th March next.

THE name of Dr. D. R. Paul, of 3, Granville Terrace, Kowloon, has been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners qualified to practise medicine and surgery in the Colony.

VICE Admiral Sir Gerard H. U. Noel, K.C. M.G., KCB, the new British Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, lest London on Feb. 5, per P. and O. steamer Mongolla, for Hongkong.

THE Russian is busy casting hard words at the "Jap." He calls him "Yellow" and a Monkey." It may be remembered that the Chinese began their disastrous campaign in 18 14 with similar epithets, amongst which wojen figured largely.

LORD Charles Beresford met with a somewhat serious hunting acc dent in Northamptonshire last month and sustained a slight concussion of the brain. He is now progressing favourably, but is still confined to the country house where he was staying at the time of the

A CORRESPONDENT at Johannesburg telegraphs to the Standard that the opponents of Chinese labour in that city comprise half a dozen men with a comparatively small stake in the land. Disorder, he adds, is far more likely to result from English intervention in Transvaal affairs than from local opposition.

ONE of the four or five existing unused copies of the 2d. blue Mauritius stamps of 1847; wrongly engraved "Post Office" instead of " Post Paid," was sold at Messrs, Puttick and Simpson's on 13th ult. for £1,450 It belonged to Mr. James Bonar, of Hampstead, who over 40 years ago bought it for a few pence while at school.

On Monday afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. Cressy. Kirk-off at half-past four. The following will play for the Clib:-A. N. Other, goal; H. C. Austen, and E. F. Ancott, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitamore, and J. D. Danby forwards.

A NEW steamer built to the order of the French Asiatic Company and destined for service between Marseilles and China, has been launched at Graville. The vessel's net tonnage is 8,000 tons and her engines are of 3, 100 h.p. Her fur- | Egypt. naces are adapted for the consumption of either oil or coal and special arrangements have been made in her fittings for the transportation of about 2,000 troops.

REMARKABLE statements were made in the Whitaker Wright trial. The "system" of the London and Globe Corporation in dealing with shares was shown to be that of treating the value at par though the market price might be much higher. In the promotion of the Bri tish American Company the Globe made profit of £350,000. For a loan of £25,000 for two days the company paid £500.

THE Standard's Brussels correspondent says. that representatives of the United States and Belgian interests in the Hankow and Canton Rail.oad have signed an agreement by which the interests will be separated and the railway divided into two sections, the Belgians to control the northern section and the Americans the southern section. The board of directors will be composed of Belgians and Americans in equal proportion.

A CONTEMPORARY states that the Admiralty are so impressed with the success of the British type of submarine, of which there are 19 built or building, that they intend to include in the new shipbuilding programme orders for a number of other boats. It is now stated that the Admiralty are contemplating the construction of a large flotilla at the earliest possible date. It is proposed to build 27 more submarines in batches of nine at a time, and to complete them with as much celerity as pos-

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, the Captain Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission for crackers to be fired in certain streets at stipulated times These are set forth in the Government Gazette. No burning cracker or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness. The police will have strict orders to summon dr arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the restrictions.

THE current issue of Commercial Intelligence contains an article by a travelling correspondent in the Far East, who gives an alarming pert naval officers to Japan. The latter account of the antagonism between the mercantile community of Hongkong and the gov. necessarily as antagonistic to Russia, but as ernment body there, owing, it is alleged, to the a precaution made requisite by the Angloperversity and obstructiveness of the latter. Japanese alliance, it being simply intended One result thereof is the suspension of the that the experts should report home as to Hongkong tramway construction work, Anthe condition and prospects of the Japanese other matter complained of is the supersession havy, and the extent to which Japan, might of British iron and steel by German and Belrequire our aid, moral or material should gian manufacturers owing to the growth of German commercial process

THE A. D. C. gave a full dress rehearsal of

"His Excellency" at the City Hall last night, at which there was a very large attendance, Pressure on our space obliges us hold a description and criticism till our next issue.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial a d Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:--

Poultry Guild \$200 Salt Fish Goild ... ,...

This two Cuban yourns who recently passed through Hongkong on their tour around the world "the best way they can," have reached San Francisco. In the course of an interview they described this Colony as "the worst place we had ever been in." Very gratifying news, too,

THE Messageries Maritimes has written pointing out, with reference to the statement in our issue last night regarding the accommodation on the Yarra, that although a good many cabins have been actually engaged in the Northern ports, there remain on board the steamer several vacant rooms which can be reserved for intending passengers from Hong-

THE steamer Foo Shing, recently completed by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson (Ltd.), for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company (Ltd.), has sailed, under the command of Capt. Atthur, from the Tyne after a successful trial trip. The vessel is 200 ft. in length by 42 ft. beam, is fitted for European and Chinese passengers, and intended for service on the China coast. She is fitted with the most modern and approved appliances for working cargo.

ON January 23rd the Financial News attained its 20th birthday and the editor has sent out a copy of the anniversary number. It is tastefully yet brilliantly printed in colours, with a cover designed by E. Fuchs and poetry by Lewis Morris. The articles deal with the finance, progress in arts and sciences, legislation, railways and trade of two decades. Nearly half the 40 pages are devoted to Colonial finance and industry. "Our Indian Empire" by Barr Robertson and "Chinese Finance" by M. H. Houston, Manager of the Imperial Bank of China, referring to the Far East.

THE marriage of Miss Ethel Durston, daughter of Sir John Durston, K.C B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, to Mr. Herbert Price, of Hongkong, was solemnised on 13th ult. at All Saints Church, Blackheath, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. The service was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of while satin veiled in chiffon and draped with Brussels lace. There were four bridesmaids, Miss Winifred Durston (the bride's sister), Miss May Herbert, and Miss Constance and Miss Adele Mitchell. Mr. J. H. Hutchinson acted as best man, Many naval officers were present at the ceremony. The honeymoon will be passed in

NOT long since we called attention to the residence of Miss Kate Carl (a sister of Mr. Carl, of the Chinese Customs Service) in the Imperial Palace at Peking. It appears that when she was presented to the Dowager-Empress that Imperial lady took a violent fancy to her, and insisted on her taking up her abode in a suite of rooms in the palace. Here, the first Englishwoman who ever stayed within the sacred precincis, she is waited upon hand and foot. The highest Court officials are obliged to kow-tow to her, and she takes high precedence. Miss Carl, who, as we have before stated, is an artist, is painting three large portraits of her hostess, one of which will shortly be ready for despatch to the St. Louis Ex-

THE main feature of the Mexican Currency Reform, as suggested by the Monetary Commission, which recently reported, are:-New dollars are to be introduced into circulation without impairing the practical maintenance of their parity with gold with the ratio that may be adopted. The Government is to close the mints to the free coinage of silver dollars and reimportation of the present pesos is to be prohibited. It is recommended that ratio of the new dollar to gold shall be established on the \$20,000, and that the plans of Messrs. Denison, basis of the average gold price of the Mexican pesos in the foreign markets during the past | fications, be accepted. It was further agreed ten year, with an increase not exceeding to per | that the Committee be authorised to raise the cent. Gold coinage is recommended to be sus- sum required by the issue of six per_cent. pended until such time as the silver dollars | debentures of the face value of \$50 each, repay shall have obtained a parity with gold, and able at to yearly drawings commencing on when the circulation of gold coins will not, in the 31st October, 1905. The annual subscriptions o, inion of the Government, impair the main- for civilians is to be raised from \$10 to \$15, tenance of that parity. The new dollars for and for naval men from \$5 to \$7.50. a specified time are to be exchanged for pesos at par. If the gold price of silver in foreign markets shall rise, so that silver dollars shall come to possess a value equal, or greater, than ascribed to them by the legal ratio adopted, steps will be taken to demonstise the silver dollars and to introduce a gold standard with free coinage and the use of the yellow metal as the medium of circulation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Coun-il will be held on Friday next:-

BUSINESS.

L. Financial Minutes. ("os. 8 to 12.) .2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No 1. ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reiding of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891. Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges, incurred by the Colony on account of certain imbecile persons introduced into the Colony. syous so me R. F. JOHNSTON,

Acting Clerk of Councils.

OUK NEW GUYERNOR.

present post on the Gold Coast of Sir Mathew | One often wonders how Japan, unwided, Nathan, K.C.M.G., the new Governor of Hong- | would fare in the event of water to her powerkong, is not yet fixed, but it is expected his ful rival, Russia. A nation of Islanden, Japan, Excellency will leave the West Coast in about like ourselves, relies on her Navy for the proa month's time. He will make some short stay tection of her Empire. With command of the in this country before proceeding, and would sea lost, she would have the purely on the thus probably reach Hongkong early in the | defensive and the many islands forming the summer. - L. & C. Express.

IURE TOPICS.

Times this morning were as follows:-Algerine-14 mile-? 1.23, 2.01, 2.40, 3.18 3.521, 4.74 1/5.

"Sine " late Teaboy (?)-last r mile-36, 1.10, 1.43 3/5. 2.15 1/5. ~ct-- 2 mile-- 1,391.

Musca I and Starling-14 mile-36, 1.08, 1.44, 2.19 3.55. Pandur-17 mile-38, 1.12 2/5, 1.47, 2.22,

2.56 4/5, 3 32, 4 07 2/5. Arranapoque and Beattie-last \$, time missed. Yellow Skin and Mince Pic-1 mile-38, 1.16 3/5, 1.52 3/5, 2.26. 3/5.

Rocket--1 mile-36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.19 3/5, 2.54 3/5, 3.29 2 5 Rare Kose-11 mile-last 1, 351, 1.07 2/5. Vancouver-14 mile-41 3/5, 1.18 3/5, 1.53,

2.29 2/5, 3.05 2/5, 3.39 3/5, 4.12 2/5. Dandy-last \$, 35\, 1.10, 1.44\. Remnant-not taken.

Rajah and Polka-1 mile-351, 1.10, 1.43, Chuntaqua-last 4 mile, 35, 1.081, 1.46 2/5.

Pech and Zufall-11 mile-time missed. Aladdin and Discord-14 mile-38 3/5, 1.15 3/5, 1.501, 2.26, 3.01, 3.351, 4 091. Rebel King-14 mile-39 2/5, 1.16 2/5, 1.51 2.28 2/5, 3.04 3/5, 3.39 3/5, 4.13 2/5.

Cheesai-11 mile-2.47 3/5. La France Rose-12 mile-38, 1.11, 1.45, 2.191, 2.531, 3.28.

Persistence and Vidilicet-1 mile-35, 1.09 1.44, 2 20.

Rex and Royal-1 mile-36, 1.14, 1.48, 2.21. Talbot's time was missed. Daybreak and Discovery-12 mile-36, 1.092,

1.44. 2.19, 2.55, 3.31. Dormouse and Lumberer-1 mile-last \$ 34, 1.10, 1.48. Neddie joined.

Protection and Sylph Rose-12 mile-351, 1.11, 1.461, 2.23, 2.551. Dandy, whaler,—last 1, 33, 103 4/5, 133 3/5,

Quebec-1 mile-40, 1.18, 1 52 2/5, 2.30, 3 05, of his country."-A patriotic Shogun!

Pink Rose and Mignonette Rose, -1 mile-Ca Canny and Crow-1 mile-34 4/5, 1.10 2/5.

1.44, 2.17 2/5. Regret, Alarm Mongoose, and Clifton-2 mile-26, 1.10, 1.43 4/5, finished in this order. 2.54, 3.26½,

2.59 3/5. Combine-14 mile-371, 1-111, 1.46, 2.21, ing for "Shogun powers, rebelled in 1877.

Doris Castle joined Combine. School Girl-last 4 mile, 301, 1.00, 1.29. Fiscal—1 mile—35 3/5 1.10, 1.45, 2.17 3/5. Eclipse-13 mile-403, 1.18, 1.55, 2.291,

Runaway Girl-last 1 mile, 31, 1.01, 1.31 2.00 1/5, (2.32), whole time.

Tai Yat and Standard-# mile-36, 1.10, 1.42 1/5.

Fair Trade's time was missed. The Baillie and Elder-12 mile-2.58.

Jigoku—1 mile—35 2/5, 1.11, 1.46 3/5, 2.23 1/5. Teetotum-1 mile-35, 1.07 1/5, 1.42, 2.211. Totila and Once More-11 mile-38, 1,13, 1.49 2/5, 2.24 2/5, 2.58, 3.32, 3 341; last time for

Marechal Niel Rose-4 mile-1.42. Modesty and Bunder-# mile-35, 1.10, 1.43 Emigrant and Colonist-1 mile-35, !1.09,

Manila and Punjandrum-1 mile-35, 1.09,

EARLY BIRD.

THE URICKET CLUB.

At an extraordinary meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club last evening, it was decided that a new pavilion be erected on the cricket ground at a total cost not exceeding Ram and Gibbs, subject to all necessary modi-

THE FLEET.

THE SHOOTING OF THE "GLORY." The prize-firing retuins of the battleship

Glory, at present serving on the China station.

show good results, though far inferior to those recently obtained by the Majestic, which now holds the record among British battleships With her 12-in, guns the Glory fired twenty-one rounds in six minutes, and made fourteen hits on this target. Her percentage of hits was therefore, sixty six. The Majestic, in the same time, firedthirty-seven rounds and made twenty three hits, or roughly, one gun per minute. The Majestic though a much older ship, is, therefore, 50 per cent. more formidable as an antagonist than the Glory. The 6-in. guns of the Glor made ninety-one-bits out of 149 rounds, firing for two minutes, an average of six rounds fired per minute and nearly four hits per gun, Thinkinghes number of rounds fired by a Bri tish thip in one minute from the 6-in-gun is ten all the shots hitting the target; in the German Navy eight rounds have been fired to the same neriod, all shots hitting; and it is stated that it the Russian Navy pine shots baye been fired ing the German Mails with later from with a similar result. The British Naty, there

JAPAN. The definite date of the departure from his [Specially contributed to the dragens Times.] Emp ie would be open to attack singly, and for a powerful enemy the conquest of Japan might be only a question of time (and morey.) If Russia was successful on the sea, has she the money to carry on the war? and has not Japan an alliance with the strongest Naval Power of the world? In the war with China the Japanese Navy consisted of one battleship, even protected, and four armoured cruisers, and about 20 smaller vessels, and we know.

how well they were fought. Since then a good many ships have been added, and, although Russia is numerically stronger in battleships, torpedo boats and destroyers, Japan has more cruisers, and as Russia could not take away all her ships from the Baltic and Black Sea, Japan would not be much outcumbered and, certainly not outclassed. Under these circumstances I think the Islanders would render a very good account of themselves, for all would depend on her success at sea, and she knows it. A stranged annually and Her army has made equally rapid strides, wants

and a few words on the growth of Japanese Military Power may be of interest. Up to 1867 the Mikados were nominal rulers only-Figureheads. The Empire was "rin by the " shogun, or commander-in-Chief, and

divided into sem -independent Fiefs ruled by Chiefs called "Daimios," whose feudal, retainers, armed till about 1850, with bows and arrows and twohanded swords, formed the Army of

In 1865 the Mikado, to strengthen his power, and to overawe his truculent Daimios, applied: to the French Government for assistance in the arming and training of his own retainers. The result was the arrival of a French, Military Mission, one of the mambers being Capiain, Chanoine, afterwards French Minister of War. The outbreak of the great revolution in 1867

necessitated the return or this Mission to France. Mutsubitu, the Mikado, rose to the occasion, and called upon the Shogun to abdicate his powers, which, strange to say, he did, issuing a proclamation, in which he stated to his followers that his resignation was "best, for the wellare

The civil war which followed lasted till 1869, and in 1861 the Daimio power and rule was broken and abolished. Japan's modern army da'es from this time and consitisted of eight batteries of Artillery, two squadrons of Cavalry, nine battalions of Infantry, trained and equipped on European lines. A second French Military Coronet Rose-12 mile-38, 1.13, 1.47, 2.21, Mission arrived in 1872. The Imperial General who was so successful in the revolution. Saigo Disclosure-17 mile-37, 1.15 3/5, 1.491, 2.22, Turkomori by name, of the Satsuma clan, being disappointed with his position and hop-

The rising was crushed and Saigo killed, but not until some 15,000 men had been killed on both sides.

In 1880 Japan decided to reorganise her army on German lines, and a German Military Mission arrived in 1885.

The present Imperial Army is modelled on the German system, and in 1891 was a compact force of about 270,000 men. The Himperor (Mikado) is the head of the Army and Navy as in Germany. Nowadays a Japanese Division, when mobiliz-

ed for active service, consists of the following, and numbers 400 sabres, 36 guns, and 10,000

r Cavalry Regiment (3 squadrons). 1 Artillery Regiment (2 Brigades of 3 batteries of 6 guns each).

2 Infantry Brigades (2 Regts of 3 Battalions of 4 Companies each). I Engineer Battalion (2 Companies, with special Bridging Company)

r Sanitary Detachment (2 Bearer Camps. Equipment for 100 sick). I Ammunition Supply Battalion.

4 Infantry Ammunition Columns. 3 Artillery Ammunition Columns. 1 Horse Depot.

6 Field Hospitals. I Telegraph Detachment. The Guard Division is directly under the

The Infantry ars armed with the "Arisaka" magazine rifle and bayonet, and each man carries a complete kit on his person, including a "Tente d'abri" and an entrenching tool, with 120 rounds of ammunition. The total weight carried is about solbs., which the surdy-little Jap, whose average height is about 5.2, makes

nothing of. Each unit carries two days' ordinary, and two day's emergency rations, and the Supply Column three day's ordinary and one day's emergency. The 4000 odd islands forming the Empire of Japan have a population of shout 464 millions, and every male is liable for sery canal lo hetween the ares of 17 and 40, so that lapaning fighting for ber existence, would be no easy

nut to crack.: A friend of the writer's with the Japanese Army during the China War, has esaid of them :- "The same energy, zeal, faithful service and self-sacrifice were shown whether the troops were in Divisions. Regiments or in sm Il parties, as well as by individuals on lonely sentry posts."

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE.

Canadian (Empress of Japan) 15th instr Indian (Namsang) 16th inst German (Gera) 16th inst. German (Roon) 18th inst. American (Korea) 1st prex. American (Gaelle) ist prox.

The s.s. Eastern from Sydney &c. leaves Manila to-morrow, and is due here on abili inst. The B. S. S. Co. s.s. Showmat left Man for this port at 3 p.m., yesterday, and may be expected here on 14th instance The H. A. L. s.s. Sambia from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on 12th last, p.m. and may be expected here on 10th inst The P. M. S. S. Co. & S. America Maria Chile mails &c. from San Francisco to asthe all via Honolulo, strived at Yokaham con I theost The Imperial German Mail & S. Read Call on jour ale Jeft Singapore Walking a mond and they be expected between the

DONDON, 10th February. (Delayed in transmission.)

Owing to a lack of Naval Officers, a Ensigns in the Russian Navy, were yesterday granted commissions. The Tsar addressing them said: "A treacherous foe had in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress fleet."

M. Kurino has left St. Petersburg. A British proclamation of neutrality wil

appear to-morrow.

The Japanese fleet has hombarded Port Arthur, the Russian battleship Pollava and the cruisers Diana, Askold and Novek were damaged on the waterline. The gunboat Koriets was sunk and the cruiser Varyag hopelessly disabled at Chemulpo. The crews took refuge in a French cruiser.

The Tsar has issued a manifesto which virtually a declaration of war.

The Stock Market.

11th February. Russian bonds have fallen. 11 % and Japanese have risen 4 %, reflecting fairl the feeling in London.

lating Japan on the brilliant opening of the go down with their colours flying rather than Impressions of a War Correspondent campaign. Even the German papers ridi- surrender, is typical of the spirit that percule the Russian talk of treachery because | vades the Japanese nation in the struggle | they were attacked without a declaration of I now begun.

The United States and the War.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to maintain strict neutrality. Mr. Hay's proposals contemplate the restricting of hostilities within the smallest possible area and are regarded as implying that neither Russia nor Japan will be allowed to invade China proper.

The War.

February, 12th. Lieut. General Sir William Nicholson and

Col. James Haldane, British Attachés to the Japanese Army have started for the Far East. Contractors have undertaken to complete the railway line across Lake Baikal by the

28th inst., or earlier. Russian Bonds.

The Russian Ministry of Finance warms the public against sacrificing Russian securi ties, owing to heavy falls; he expects a cal mer attitude, and though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakeable. This is a significant indication of the sensation caused throughout Russia.

French War-Ships for the Far East.

Several cruisers and destroyers are preparing at Brest and Toulon to proceed to the Far East. Six thousand tons of coal briquettes have been hastily despatched to Saigon.

WATER RETURN. Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs

on the 1st February.

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	1903.		1904.	
Tytam	22' 2" overflow	below }	27'.51" overflow	below
Pokfulam				
Wong-nai-	31, of	below }	23' 9"	below

STORAGE GALLONS. 1904. 1903. Tytam 192,460,000 222,530,000 Pokfulam 6,160,000 10,645,000 7,382.000 Wong-nei-cheong 2,369,000

20 6 002,000 Total...... 235,534,000 Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January.

1903. Consumption... 72,481,000 80,761,000 gallons Estimated po-217,200 222,100 pulation Consumption

per head per }

Intermittent supply in force during the whole of January in both years. Though the quantit in reservoirs is 29 millions less than in 1903, i is It5 millions more than in 1902.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of January.

Estimated po-? pulation

Consumption ' per head per

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

> . W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

A DEED of heroism at sea is recalled by the announcement that the committee of Lloyd's have decided to give their "meritorious service" medal to Mr. A. M. Buckland, late chief officer, and Mr. A. G. Tollemache, the third officer of the steamer Umona. The Uniona in May last, while on a voyage from Colombo to Natal, with ten Furopean passengers and 480 Indian immigrants, went manore on one of the Maldive islands, and was in imminent danger. The two officers volunecered to sail the ship's lifeboat to Colombo, stoo miles away, for assistance, and after, nine days appage, during which they experienced prest chardships, they reached that place A MENTALES WAS At once sent and all on board ! Mete saved.

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN COMMERCE DESTROYER AT WORK.

A JAPANESE MERCHANT VESSEL SUNK

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. M. Noma, H.I.M Japanese Consul, for communication of the following telegram:-Tokio, 12 February.

"On the 11th inst., two of our merchan steamers, the Nakonoura Mary and Zensha Otaru, were attacked and surrounded b four Russian cruisers near Henashik (Aomori Ken). The Nakonoura Maru was sunk and the Zensho Maru escaped without injury to Fukuyama. These four Russian war-ships are still cruising around the Nor thern coast of Japan.

The place where this attack took place, near Henashiki, is off the island of Yezo, almost directly lopposite Vladivostok, from which it is probable that the Russian cruisers the Boers, while making an attempt to were detached from the squadron in that port The Nakonoura Maru was most probably sunk by the Muscovite war-ships because she refused to surrender, as it is not likely that they would have destroyed her out of sheer wantonness. The courageous action The European Press on the War. of the officers and crew of this cargo-boat, All the British papers unite in congratu- who refused to be captured and preferred to War of the Civilisations"; "Realities"

SWIFT RETALIATION.

communicated the following wire, from which it would appear that a swift retribution has overtaken the cruisers that raided the Nakonoura Maru and Zensho Maru:-

"Three Russian cruisers have been des. ed therein. troyed by our torpedo boats off the coast of Aomori Ken."

It would seem from the above that the the sinking of the Nakonoura Maru, sent out a torpedo flotilla to scour the coast, decided on maintaining an attitude of with the results contained in the telegram.

THE PORT ARTHUR ENGAGE-MENT.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S REPORT.

this morning the following telegram containing an abbreviated report, by Admiral Togo, Commander-in-Chief of the combined squadron, of the engagements at Port Arthur, and

"At midnight, on the 8th inst,, our torpedo flotilla made a successful attack on the Russian fleet which was at anchor in the outer roads of Port Arthur. On the following morning, the 9th, at 10 o'clock the combined squadrons steamed up to attack the Russian fleet and, after an engagement, which lasted forty minutes, these last retreated into the inner harbour. At 1. p.m. we ceased firing and withdrew. Our ships suffered but slight damage, and none were lost. Our total casualties are: 4 killed and 54 wounded. The Imperial Princes serving with the squadron are safe. Our torpedo flotilla rejoined the main squadron after the battle. Officers and men alike behaved admirably, and from their coolness and self-possession during the fight one might have supposed they were engaged in ordinary manœuvres."

The above report confirms the previous to be largely increased as the day proceeds. \$33. accounts of the two engagements at Port Arthur already published in these columns, and, although no mention is made of the Russian men-of-war being sunk, the words "our torpedo flotilla made a successful attack" would seem to imply that some o the enemy's fleet must have suffered,

THE "KING ALFRED."

The British armoured cruiser King Alfred commanded by Capt. H. G. King Hall, D.S.O. si expected in Hongkong to-day with Glory, which flies the flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian, A. Bridge, Commander-in-Chief on period of service. The King Alfred, which, we believe is to return home with the time expired men from the Glory, is a sistership of the Leviathan and is one of the four is a vessel of 14,100 tons, 31,156 horsepower and 23.46 knots speed. Her arma ment consists of two 9.2-in, sixteen 6-in. fourteen 12-pdr., three 3-pdr., and nine light guns. Her complement is 813 and her coal capacity 2,500 tons.

"WAKASA MARU" DETAINED AT COLOMBO. time being; but her passengers for the are putting 2,300 tons on board the two vessels. have considerably improved and are in demand Straits, Chips and Japan have been trans ed to the Mail steamers, Sydney and

of two cruisers and twelve destroyers which left Suez for the Far East on the gand of last month. These war vessels must be somewhere between Colombo and Singapore, although nothing has been heard o them since their departure from the Canal.

ANOTHER WAR CORRESPON-DENT IN HONGKONG.

Among the passengers by the P. and O. Ballagrat, which arrived this morning was Mr. George Lynch, the war correspondent for the Daily Chronicle and the London | ceed from Europe to Manchuria with the least Sphere. Mr. Lynch, who is accompanied Maru, when on their way from Sakata to by Mrs. Lynch, began life by entering on an exploring expedition through the deserts of Western Australia and afterwards visited the Pacific Islands. During the Spanish American war in 1898 he represented the Daily Chronicle. The outbreak of war ir South Africa saw him again in the field as the Illustrated London News correspondent He was wounded in the battle of Reitfontein, in the early part of the siege of Ladysmith, and was captured escape. After spending a month in Pretoria as prisoner he was liberated and returned to London. He was again at the front with the expedition to the relief of the Legations at Peking and after a visit to Japan he went to the United States for the Daily Mail. He has published "The and "From Pekin to Piccadilly.

HONGKONG'S NEUTRALITY. With reference to the Proclamation issued The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has kindly yesterday, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the Acting Harbour Master shall be the officer specially entrusted with the carrying out of the instructions contain-

FRANCE'S NEUTRALITY.

Mr. G. E. Liebert, Consul for the French Republic, has courtemusly informed us that he Japanese Naval Authorities, on hearing of has received an official telegram from Paris stating that the French Government had strict neutrality during the present hostilities between Japan and Russia, and giving rigorous instructions as to the attitude to be maintained by all French subjects. This decision of our neighbours and friends will Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, received be welcome news to many who were doubtful as to the policy that would be adopted by the Republic, and feared that some secret convention existed with Russia that would oblige France to intervene in the kindly forwarded us the same for publi. present struggle, and consequently bring about serious complication.

CABLE COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Olaf Nielsen, Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., informs us that this Company's cable to Shanghai continues in excellent working order, but as under the present circumstances, it has to there is great delay (at present about 24 hours) on telegrams.

Mr. J. M. Beck, Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, states that a local delay of at least 24 hours is to be expected on telegrams which may be handed in for the North.

On telegrams for the Straits &c., India and Europe via Eastern the local delay is

JAPANESE CRUISERS DELAYED AT SINGAPORE.

BAD COALING FACILITIES.

The continued delay in the departure of the Japanese cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga from Singapore has aroused a good deal of speculation. It was freely hinted yesterday, says the alarming situation raised by the Russian threat of an ultimatum on Saturday, the cruisers had been officially detained until the horizon was absurd on the face of it, for while there a clear run to Japan. A much simpler solution the cruisers are exceptionally poor. There of the vessel and no matter how many

proceed to Yokohama at a bonus of £3 per man. Several of them had rather a rough time of it last night. As they could not find accommodation, they were forced to sleep out in the vicinity of the Drill Hall,

The Russian steamer Odis:a, which is carrying 2,000 troops and a large quantity of stores, has left Suez for the Far East.

It is stated that Russia has ordered the whole of the 10th Army Corps of 37,000 men to propossible delay.

The Russian cruiser Almas, which the Tsar has placed at the disposal of Admiral Alexeieff, is a vessel of 3,200 tons, and capable of a speed of 25 knots. Internally she is fitted up as yacht rather than a war vessel, though she fairly well armed and carries a big crew. The cabins, especially those for Admiral Alexeieff are very roomy, and suitable for receptions and entertainments, the dining soloon being cap able of seating 80 persons. In the event of hostilities she would probably act as a despatchboat or tender to the fleet.

COMMERCIAL.

Messits Erich Georg & Co. writing under today's 'date state:-War has at last broken out between Russia and Japan, but it is to be hoped that the hostilities may be localized, and that none of the Great Western Powers will be drawn into the conflict. Business, under such circumstances, has been very limited and chiefly confined to shipping shares, in which some trade has been done at rising rates; but the market even for these shares closes somewhat quieter, the rising sterling exchange naturally influencing the market adversely. The sterling demand rate on London is 18.11 /3/16d., while the rates on Shanghai are quite nominal, the money market being disturbed on account the approaching Chinese New Year.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts writ yesterday as follows:--The market continue dull and neglected and apart from the further rise in Indo-Chinas and China and Manilas the week has passed without anything worthy

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Limited, has advertised its thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting for the 5th March. The trans fer books will be closed from the 20th instan to the 5th proximo, both days inclusive.

Notice has been given of the thirty-fifth ordi nary meeting of shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, to be held on the 10th March. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th instant to the 10th proximo, inclusive,

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiated during the week at \$6425 and close quieter at \$640. The balance sheet fur the year 1903 has been published. The net profits, including \$1,435,683.17, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful-accounts amount to \$3,771,886.08. The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve carry the whole of the very heavy traffic, fund, which fund will then stand at \$6,500,000. After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors, there remains for appropriation \$3,256,886.08, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of thirty shillings and a bonus of ten shillings per share, which, at 4/6, will altogether absorb \$711,111.11. The difference in exchange between 4/5, the rate at which the dividend and bonus are declared; and 1/8%, the rate of the day, amounts to \$1,128,408.89. The balance to be carried forward to new profit and loss account is \$1,417,366.08. The latest quotation at present about two hours, but this is likely in London is Lot. Nationals can be placed at

Marine Insurance.—All stocks under this heading are quiet and with the exception of slight decline in China Traders rates remain unchanged.

Fire Insurances. - Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$305. China Fires can probably be obtained at \$92.

Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao local Times of 5th inst., that in view of the | Steamboats have fallen to \$28\ ex the dividend of \$14 paid on the 8th instant. Indo-Chinas have experienced a further marked improvement and after sales at various prices close momentarily cleared; of course such a theory | slightly weaker at \$84. China and Manilas have been done at rapidly advancing rates up relief crews for, the first-class battleship is a Russian squadron behind, the vessels have to \$25, at which figure more shares are offering. Douglas Steamships have risen to \$35. Star of the cruisers' detention is found in the fact | Ferries continue dull at quotations. Shell the China Station. We understand that the that they have not yet finished coaling. The Transp rts are to be had at £1 1/2. Taku crew of the Glory, which was commissioned cruisers arrived at Singapore on Tuesday and, Tugs are reported sold at Tls. 35, and are in three years ago, will be paid off on Monday, with the exception of one or two short further request at the rate. Shanghai Tugs Consumption 13,248,000 14,481,000 gallons and the vessel re-commissioned for a further breaks, they have been coaling ever since. have been booked at Tls. 46 for the ordinary seems that the facilities for coaling and at Tl. 43 for the preference shares.

Refineries.—China Sugars have changed are only two small shoots on each side | hands at \$107. Luzons are neglected at \$10. Docks, Wharves and Godowns.-Hongkong coolies were set to carry the baskets from the and Whampoa Docks have further weakened armoured cruisers of the Drake class. She tongkangs to the waiships the work of filling and now close at \$107. In their report for the the bunkers would proceed no quicker. Most half-year ended 31st December, 1903, the warships are so built that they can take in coal directors state that the net profit for that at the rate of 300 tons an hour or more if period, after paying interest due and all necessary; the British battleships and cruisers | charges, amounts to \$514,396.34, to which are continually breaking records so far as the has to be added the balance brought forward time occupied in filling the bunkers is con- from last account of \$314,293.70, making cerned. But it is all a matter of facilities and a total of \$828,690.04. After deducting from conveniences. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha are this amount the directors' and auditors' fees of in charge of the coaling operations and Mr. Ono, altogether \$10,750, there remains available for the manager, stated to-day that they had been appropriation the sum of \$8 7,940.04. It is The Nippon Yusen Kaisha inform us that putting the coal on board as fast as it could be proposed to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. (or elegraphic advices to hand from their agents, bunkered. "If there had been any delay we | \$6 per share) and a bonus of 2 per cent. (or \$1 Colombo state that the S. S. Wakara would have been responsible for it; but there per share) and write \$42,599.35 off the value Maru, which left London on or about the has been no delay—the coal is being put on of Kowloon Docks, leaving the balance of isth January is laid up in Colomboufor the aboard as quickly as it can be received. We \$425 340,69 to be carried forward Farnhams Up to this morning 600 tons had been put at Tls. 131. Kowloon Wharfs can be placed

coaling to-night or early to-morrow morning. | quest at Tis. 200. Consider. This is probably owing to the The vessels leave immediately they have Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are in the market at \$150. Shanghai

aboard each cruiser. We expect to finish at \$95, and Hongkew Wharfs continue in re-

Some 40 of the crews, who were discharger | Lands have been dealt in at. Tis. 113. There here yesterday, have been re-engaged to is no change in either West Points or Kowloon Lands. Hongkong Hotels are steady with sales at \$146. Humphreys Estate have changed hands at \$10.60 ex the dividend of 90 cents paid on the 11th instant. Sales of China Providents have also been made at \$).

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have dropped to Tls. 31 and are offering at the rate, otherwise there is no change to report.

Cigar Companies,—Sumatras are inquired for at Tis. 52. At a meeting of the directors held in Shanghai on the 5th instant, it was decided to recommend the payment to shareholders of a final dividend of 15 per cent. making 30 per cent, for the year,

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements are still on offer at \$25\flacktrian, A.S. Watsons have again been done at \$144. There are sellers of Electrics at \$12\ and \$7 for the old and new shares respectively. Hongkong Ices paid their dividend of \$12 on the 11th instant and we now quote the stock at \$230. Hongkong Ropes have been disposed of at \$140 ex the dividend of \$10. paid on the 8th instant. William Powells are wanted after sales at \$9\. Langkats have inquiries at Tls. 300.

YARN MARKET.

In their report, dated 12th instant, Messrs. Cawasjee, Pallanjee & Co. write: -Our Yarn market during the interval under reviewremained very firm. Reports from almost all the consuming districts have been very satisfactory, both as regards consumption and prices, and dealers as well as speculators in anticipation of a brisk trade after the Chinese New Year (16th 10st.) holidays, have further strengthened the market by forcing up values from Dollars One to six over previous high rates. The demand has run on almost all counts and description with the exception of Nos. 6s and 8s, which are not in request. 'The greatest advance is to be noticed in Nos. tos and tasiwhich are still inquited for at higher rates, and in which dealers as well as speculators are highly interested. A fair amount of business transpired in Nos. 20s and 16s at an advance of \$1 to \$3 per bale and selected threads are inquired for at still higher rates. Nos. 125 and tos ruled very firm and with an advance of from \$2 to \$6 per bale on last mail's quotations, a very good business is reported. Nos. 8s and 6s are not inquired for. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 3,435 bales of No. 10s; 525 bales of No. 16s; and 1,100 bales of No. 20s; in all about 6,800 bales. Arrivals during the fortnight per steamers Chusan, Suisang, Capri, and Catherine Apear of about 7,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Northern Ports about 2,000 bales. The unsold

stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales. Local Yarn:—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn: -- Sales are reported of about ,750 bales of No. 20s at \$235 to \$140 per bale. Exchange:-With various fluctuations improved and business was done on India at Rs. 143 per cent. London at Sh. 1.11 = \$

> FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.-Higher rates checked consumption, and sales are reported of about 100 bales at \$29 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated about 1,800 bales. No sales are reported in Chinese Cotton. Stock is about 250 bales.

Yarn.—Ruled very firm and sales are reported of about 6,800 bales at an advance of from \$2 to \$6 per bale on previous rates. The unsold stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales.— No sales are reported in local production. Japanese yarn about 1,700 bales changed hands at \$135 to \$140 per bate.

Malwa Opium.—A very good business is reported during the fortnight at advancing rates. Sales:-New about 13 chests at \$900 to \$920-Old about 72 chests at \$960 to \$990—Older about 71 chests at \$1,010 to \$1,095—Oldest about 51 chests at \$1,100 to \$1,160 per picul, in all about 207 chests. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,227 chests.

Bengal Opium.-Prices showed varied and extensive fluctuations. Sales are reported of Patna about 672 chests at \$1,295 to \$1,330. Benares about 214 chests at \$1,285 to \$1,325. In all about 886 chests. The unsold stock is Patna about 647 chests, Benares about 344chests; in all about 991 chests.

Persian Opium.—No sales are reported amongst the Chinese. Stock about 1,660 chests. (Prices per picul). Closing Quotations.

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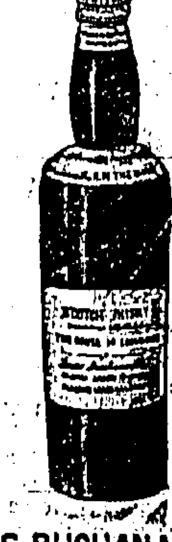
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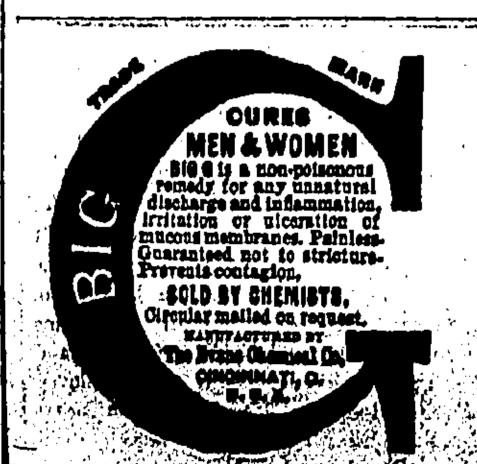
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TO-MORROW.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic Cathedral: - Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,

5.30 p.m. German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.) 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction,

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:-Morning Service (English), 9 a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass.

Wesleyan Methodist Church :-- Morning Service, at St. Andrew's Hall, during the enlargement of the Church, at 1 10.15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Arsenal Street, at 3 p.m., Evening Service at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, at 6 p.m.

Union Church: -- Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church.

Queen's Road West. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m., Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns, 125, 596, 371 and 367.

Evensong 6.30 p.m., Magnificat, Goss; Cantate, Crotch; Hymns, 122, 364, 593 and 362. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.): returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. The following will be the order of service

to-morrow:-

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY. Holy Communion 7,30 a.m., Matins 11 a.m. Responses: Tallis, Venite: Alcock, Psalms: Robinson and Dupuis, Te Deum : Calkin in D; Benedictus: Havergal in E; Anthem: "From all that dwell below the skies"-Walmisley, Hymns: 262 and 273.

Evensong 5.45 p.m., Responses: Tallis, Psalms: Smart, Purceil, Felton and Woodward, Magnificat: Davy in D; Nunc Dimittis: Dupuis in A min ... 'lymas: 210, 267 and 192, Vesper Hymn: Ward.

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i	BUTCHER MEAT.
	Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa ib " Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk " Roast—Shiu " Breast—Ngau Lam " Soup, Tong Yuk " Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa " Serjoin—Ngau Lau " Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chaung " Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chaung " Bullock's Brains— " Know per set " Tongue fresh—Ngau Li each " corned—Ham Ngau Li " Head—Ngau Tau
	"Heart-Ngau Sum "Hump, Salt-Ngau Kin "Feet-Ngau Kerk each
	"Kidneys—Ngau Yiu Tail—Ngau Mei "Liver—Ngau Con
	"Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To" Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai- tau-keokset
	Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kw
	Pigs' Chitlings—Chi cheong
	" Fry-Chi Chak

Head-Chi Tau Heart-Chi Sumeach Kidneys-Chi Yiupair Pork, Chop-Chi Pai Kwat Corned-Ham Chu Yuk Leg-Chu Pei Fat or Lard-Chu Yau Sheeps' Head and Feet-Yeung Tau Keokset Heart-Yeung Sum,each Kidneys-Yeung Yiu, "

Sucking Pigs, To Order-Chu Chai ... , Suet, Beef-Sang Ngau Yau Mutton-Sang Yeung Yau Veal-Ngau Chai Yuk,.....

.. Sausages-Ngau Chai Yuk Tong. ,, POULTRY. Capons, Large, Small-Sin Kai..... Ducks-Ap Doves-Pan Kaueach Eggs, Hen-Kai Tan....per dog. Hainan-Roi Nam Kai Geese-Ngoi Geese, Wild Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Ye Ngo pair \$1.40 Musk Deer-Wong Keng each Hare-Tu Chai.... Partridge—Che Khoo

Phensant-Shan Kaipair Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup each Hoihow-Hoihow Pak Kup " Quail-Um-Chun Rice Birds-Wo Fa Cheukdozen Snipe—Sa Chui each Turkeys, Cock-Fo Kai Kung Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-appair \$1.30 Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai.....each Wild Ducks Canton-Sang Shing Sui Apea.....per pair

FISH.

Bream-Bin Yu.... Canton Fresh Water Fish-Hoi Sin Yu, Carp—Li Yu Catfish—Chik Yu Codfish-Mun Yu..... Cuttle Fish-Muk Yu Dab-Sa Mang Yu Daco-Wong Mei Lan

Dog Fish-Tit Tu Sa " Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu, Yellow-Wong Sin..... Frogs-Tien Kai Garoupa—Sek Pan Gudgeon-Pak Kup Yu Herrings-Tso Pak Halibut-Cheung Kwan Yu Labrus-Wong Fa Yu..... Loach—Wu Yu..... Lobsters-Lung Ha Mackerel-Chi Yu Monk Fish-Mon Yu Mullet-Chai Yu Oysters—Sang Hoo Parrotfish-Kai Kung Yu

Perch—Tau Loo, Pike-Fa Paw Poong Plaice—Pan Yu...., Pomfret, Black---Hak Chong Pomfret, White-Pak Chong...... Prawns-Ming Ha..... Ray—Pei Pa Sa

Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung..... Roach-Chun Yu Salmon, (C'ton), fresh water-Ma Yau Shark—Sa Yu Skate-Po Yu Shrimps—Ha

Snapper-Lap Yu..... Soles-Tat Sa Yu.... Tench-Wan Yu Turbet-Cho How Yu Turtles, small, fresh water-Keok Yu... White Bait-Ngan Yu Chai

FRUITS.

Almond-Hung Yan...... Apples, (California)-Kam San Ping (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Ko..... Small—Hoi Tong.....

Custard-Fan Lai Chieach Bananas, fragrant, Canton-Sang Shong Heung Chiu " (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu "

Chestnuts, Chinese-Foong Lut , Carambola-Yeung Tou Coccanuts-Yeh Tszeach Lemons, China-Ning Moong Amer.—Kum San Ning Moong, Lichees, Dried-Lai Chi Con

Fresh, Lai Chi (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Limes, Moongeach Mango, Manila-Lui Sung Mong...... Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz doz, Oranges, (Canton)-Sang Sheng Tim Chang

Small-Tai Kut Mandarin-Tim Kut Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li., (Canten), Cooking—Sa Li (Shanghai)-Sheung Hoi Li Peanuts,-Fa Sang Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie

Pine-apples, 1st quality-Sheung Poon Ti Paw laweach and cocking -Chung-tang Paw-law Platams-Tai Chen Plums, Swatow-Hung Lai Pumolo, Siam-Chim Lo Yau

Walnuts, Hop Tou Green -Sang Hop Tuo VECETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,-Sheung Hoi Ah Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Pin Tau Beans, Sprout-Ah Choi..... Beans Long-Tau Kok Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau,...., each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker_.... Brinjals, Red-Hung Ker Brassica-Pak Choi....

Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun Cabbage, Chinese, com.-Kai Choy..... Cabbage Root-Kai Lan Taueach Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Choi Faeach

Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh Choi-faeach Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese-Tong Kan Choy Celery, English-Yeung Kan Chol Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Chol. Chilles Dried-Con Lat Chiu

Red-Hung Fa Green-Cheng Lat Chiu Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu-Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa Bitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlic-Suen Tau..... Ginger, young-Sun Tsz Keung , old—Lo Keung Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan..... Indian Corn-Suk Maipieco

Lettuce-Yeung Sang Choiach Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai Mandarin-Kwei Lum Ma Tai, Mushrooms Fresh-Sang Cho Kho Onions, Bombay-Young Chung Tau ... Green-Sang Chung..... Shai-Shoung Hoi Chung Tau japan-Yat Poon

Okroes-Mo Ker Parsley, English-Yeung Un Sai Green l'eas-Oheng Tau.... Pritatoes, Sweet-Fan Shu Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Shu Japan-Yat Poon Shu Tsai ... American—Fa Ki Poochow-Fuk Chan Shu Tsai Macao-Oh Moon Pumpkin-Toong Kwa

Radish-Hung Lo Pak Tsai.....dozen Shalots-Con Chung Tau Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi Spinach-Yin Choi Tomatoes—Fan Ker Taros-Wu Tau Turnips, Pun-ti (Long)—Low Pak " English-Young Low Pak, piece Vegetable Marrow-Chit Kwa Waters Cresses-Sai Yeung Choi.....

Yams-Tai Shu,

· Lily Roots-Lin Ngau

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14 Lydia.....

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12 H.M.S. Glory

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14. Tritos...............

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong Observatory a new code of meteorological signals which comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day. They are the same as those at present in use at Shanghai, and will 15 be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball a Kowloon Point for the information of masters. of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:---

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below 20 indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon - to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below' indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colomy.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony. Black Signals indicate that the centre is

believed to be less than 300 miles away from

Red Signals indicate that the centre is

the Colony. The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

NIGHT BIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back,

The signuls are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H M's Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the food of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

· NOTICE BOARDS. Notice boards are placed at :-Joint Cable Companies' Office, Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street. Blake Pier.

Harbour Office. Ferry Company's Pier, Kowloon

Post Office.

WEATHER-FORECASTS and STORM. WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express,"

THE CHINA COAST METROROLOGICAL REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weathers forecasts, and information regarding the exist-2. ence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may, whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph Company's Office in Connaught Road and send telegrams to the Observatory asking for special information without charge. Such inquiries may also be sent from the Police Station at Kowloon Point which is connected with the Observatory by telephone.

THE LAW OF STORMS

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals, are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law o Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. F100.

Asting Director

onipping. ATTIVALE.

Shantung, Ger. s.s., 1,050, Engelhardt, 13th Laos, Brisgavia, 6th February-Glenturrei,

Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,206, Caswell, 13th Feb., - Malacca, Preussen, Savoia, China, Nithsdale, Wuhu 7th Feb., and Chinkiang 8th, Oil, Sandyford, Strathnevis. Nuts and Rice.—B. & S.

Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,459, Narthcombe, 13th Feb., berg. Dardanus, -Chinking 8 h Feb., Rice,-B. & S. Samgra, Br. s.s., Louis, 13th Feb., -- Moji 7th Feb., Coal.—B. & Co.

Chihli, Br. 8.8., 1,142, Hooker, 13th Feb.,-Manila 10th Feb., Gen.-B. & S. Wosang, Br. s.s., 1,127, Malkin, 13th Feb.,-Wunu 7th Feb., and Chinkiang 8th, Gen. -J., M. & Co.

Wingsang, Dr. s.s., 1,517, Lambie, 13th Feb.,-Wuhu 7th Feb., and Chinkiang 8th, Gen. -- J., M. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Karin, for Saigon. San Cheong, for Canton. Yochow, for Canton. Lydia, for Kobe. Hanoi, for Haiphong. Hanyang, for Canton. Kalgan, for Canton. Tritos, for Anping. Olympia, for Moji, Wingchol, for Macao. Chenan, for Canton. Paul Beau, for Canton. Woosung for Canton. Siberia, for Shanghai. Loongsang, for Manila. Shantung, for Foochow. Capri, for Singapore. Lueries, for Saigon. Volga, for Sinvapore. Madeleine Rickmers, for Bangkok. Rajaburi, for Bangkok. Hot Ho, for Canton. Wongkoi, for Bangkok. Machew, for Bangkok.

Departures.

Feb. 13. Malta, for Europe. Siberia, for San Francisco. Olympia, for Tacoma. Tsinan, for Australian Ports. Progress, for hwatow. Zafiro, for Manila. Hanoi, for Haiphong. Capri, for Bombay. Prins Valdemar, for Singapore. Tjilaljap, for Shanghai. E-sang, for Canion. Taksang, for Canton. Loongsang, for Manila. Asper, Aust. gunboat, for Chefon.

Passengers arrived.

Per Ballaarat, for Hongkong from Bombay -Lieut. Black. From Colombo-Sergt. and Mrs. Mackay and 4 children. From London-Capt. C. G. Dicken, Miss Stilwell, Mrs. Dicken, Staff-Paymaster Brigstocke, Mrs. Hardy, Mr. amah, Miss O'Hagon and maid, and Miss Hooper. From Gibraltar-Mr. M. S. Lloyd. From Brindisi-Messrs. Welmore (2), Junior. From Marseilles-Mr. Thos. Stand, Paymaster Batt, R.N., Comdr. Hopwood, and Mr. É. N. T. Collin. From Singapore-Messrs. H. K. Archibald, Wong Man Kai, Ho Poon Nam, Dr. Wongkoi, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Reher, 9th Feb.,— Berge, W. R. McCullum, and S. G. Barsbon. For Shanghai from Bombay-Mr. J. Bundali. From London-Mr. Wilcox, Steaur, J. Freame, Lintillac, C. Budd, C. S. Kemp, and Mrs. Dawson's amah. From Marseilles-Rt. Rev. Bishop Corfe, Messrs W. F. Tyler and A. Sinclair. From Port Said-Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Miss Curtis, and Mr. K. Curtis. From Singapore-Mr. C. Krasinski. For Yokohama from London-Messrs. W. Leech and A. Labin, From Marseilles-Col. and Mrs. Iremonger, and Mr. E. T. Corbett. From Brindisi-Mr. and Mrs. G. Lynch, and Mrs. Gibbon.

Per Chihli, from Manila-Messrs. J. Kernan, F. Newman, F. S. Cairno, J. Seidmann, Major C. P. Newbury, Miss Green, and 8 Chinese.

Shipping Reports. Str. Chihli from Manila:-Fresh to strong Feb., 11 A.M. monsoons, rough sea, fine weather,

Str. Hanyang from Wuhu:-Experienced fine weather with light S.W'ly wind until the 3-11th inst., then had moderate N.E. gale and Feb., 3 P.M. high following sea, which lasted till the morning of the 12th, moderate breeze N.E. up to

Ste	amera Ex	pected.	
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
X Sambia	Singapore. Shanghai Manila Japan Singapore. Singapore. San F'cisco	J., M. & Co M. & Co G., L. & Co P. M. Co M. & Co H. A. L P. M. Co	Feb. 16 Feb. 16 Feb. 17 Feb. 18 Feb. 19 Mar. 1

Ships Passed The Canal. Ontward-2nd January-Artelisia, 6th January-Indramayo. 13th January-Silesia. (Aus.) Indrawadi, Fuime, Linan, Salfordia. 16th January-Eidsvold, Menzell. 20th Janu-Ballaarat, Br. 2,860, Longdon, R.N.R., 13th ary-Sambia. 23td January-Agamemenon, Feb.,—Bombay 27th Jan., and Singapore Ertria, Glenlogan. 27th January—Fooshing, 7th Feb., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Ardandearg, Room. 30th January—Wakasa Maru. 3rd February-Menelaus, Bencleuch. Feb., -Singapore 4th Feb., Kerosine .- Machaon, Saxonia, St. Nicholas, Willowdene, Fiberius, Frank Ferdinand, 9th February-

Homeward-23rd January-Indrant. 27th Yochow, Br. a.s., 1,305, Brown, 13th Feb.,— January—Aragonia, Java. 30th January—Wuhn and Chinkiang 7th Feb., Gen.—B. Glenroy, Kiautschon, 3rd February—Sydney. 6th February-Ceylon. 9th February-Nurn-

> Arrivals at Home-23rd anuary-Konig Albert. 27th January-Formosa. 30th January -Marburg, Salazie, Achilles. 3rd Febru ary-Indram vyo, Kawachi Maru. 6th February-Bingo Maru. 9th February-Manila, Shenandouh, Prometheus.

Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS. Borneo, Ger. 5.5., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.,-Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber.-M. & Co.

Canton, Br. s.s., 1,110, Muir, 12th Feb,-Canton 11th Feb., Gen.-J., M. & Co. Catherine Apcar, Br. s.s., 1,730, Stewart, 9th Feb.,-Calcutta 23rd Jan., Penang and Singapore 3rd Feb., Gen.—D., S. & Co.,

Chunsang, Br. s.s., 1,418, Cox, 12th Feb.,-Moji 6th Feb., Coal.-J., M. & Co. 22nd, Yokohama 4th Feb., Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and Shanghai (Woosung) 10th, Mails and Gen.—O. & O S. S. Co. Crusader, Br. s.s., 1,435, Brown, 11th Feb.,-Moji 5th Feb., Coal.—D. & Co., Ld. Haimun, Br. s.s., 636, Passmore, 7th Feb.,-

Tamsui 4th Feb., and Amoy 5th, Gen.- | China Sea. D., L. & Co. Hip Sang, Br. s.s., 1,040, Stalker, 12th Feb.,-Hongay 10th Feb., Coal.—J., M. & Co. Indrapura, Br. s.s., 3,411, Horne, 11th Feb.,— Portland, Or. 1st Jan., and Moji 6th Feb., Gen. and Flour.-P. & A. S. S. Co. Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Pennefather, 2nd Feb., -Cebu via Iloilo and Manila 30th Jan.,

Gen.--B. & S. Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, Jackson, 9th Feb.,-Saigon 4th Feb., Rice.—Nam Wo & Co. Lagazpi, Am. s.s., 985, Yripar, 11th Feb .-Manila 6th Feb., Ballast. - Barretto & Co. Liscum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th Jan.,—Manila 13th Jan., Ballast.—U. S Govt. Lydia, Ger. s.s., 1,772, Girstenbran, 1st Feb.

-Canton 31st Jan, Gen.-H. A. L. M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 966, Brandt, 7th Feb.,-Haiphong 4th Feb., and Hoihow 6th, Gen —A. R. M. Machew, Ger. s.s., 996, Harges, 10th Feb.,-Bangkok and Feb., Feb., Rice and Teak

Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Welsh, 9th Feb.,-Sandakan 3rd Feb., Gen.-J., M. & Go. Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, Wendig, 9th Feb.,-Bangkok and Swatow 8th Feb., Rice and Timber.-M. & Co.

Simongan, Dut. s.s., 1,203, Versteeg, 9th Feb. -Samarang 28th Jan., Sugar.-Yuen Fa Banks, Mr. L. J. Lindsay, Mrs. Johnston and Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robinson, 1st Feb. Acting-Lieuts. Houlgrove, Cooper, Messis. A. Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec.,-Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th

Dec., Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Tjipanas, Dut. s.s., 1,055, Zevart, 11th Feb.,-Yokohama 28th Jan., and Amoy 9th Feb. Gen.—Hotz s'Jacob & Co. Volga, Br. s.s., 2,851, Pattie, 4th Feb.,-Barry Bangkok 2nd Feb., Rice and Wood.—B

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, Rolff, 6th Feb.,-Manila 3rd Feb., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

A Mail will close for :-Canton-Per Powan, 14th Feb., 9 A.M. Namtao-Per Taichun, 14th Feb., 9 A.M. Sanbue-Per Hot Fu, 14th Feb., 9 A.M. Macao-Per Wingchai, 14th Feb., 9 A.M. Kongmoon, Kumchuck and Samshui-Per Sze Yup, 14th Feb., 9 A.M.

Foochow-Per Thales, 15th Feb., 10 A.M. Ningoo and Shanghai-Per Waishing, 15th Macao-Per Heungshan, 15th Feb., 1.15 P.M. Straits and Calcutta-Per Catherine Apcar, 15th Feb., 2 P.M.

Kobe and Yokohama-Per Canton, 15th Kongmoon, Kumchuk and Samshui-Per Cheonekong, 15th Feb., 3 P.M. Kongmoon, Kumchuk and Samshui-Per

Sae Yup, 15th Feb., 3 P.M. Namtao-Per Taichun, 15th Feb., 5 P.M. Sanbue-Per Hoi Fu, 15th Feb., 5 P.M. Macao-Per Wingchai, 15th Feb., 5 A.M. Canton -Per Honam, 15th Feb., 7.30 A.M. Canton-Per Kinshan, 15th Feb., 5 P.M. Canton-Per Kinshan, 17th Feb., 7.30 A.M. Canton-Per Hankow, 17th Feb., 9 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticonn-Per Gera, 17th Feb., 11 A.M.

Canton-Per Fatshan, 18th Feb., 7.30 A.M. Shanghai-Per Woosung, 18th Feb., 3 P.M. Canton-Per Hosam, 18th Feb., 5 P.M. Canton-Per Hankow, 19th Feb., 7.30 A.M. Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Clark, Lieut. T. F. Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, | Cornford, F. A. Sydney and Melbourne-Per Empire, 19th Iremonger, Lieut. Col. Ninnes, M. W.

Manila-Per Chihli, 19th Feb., 3 P.M. Canton-Per Powan, 19th Feb., 5 P.M. Canton-Per Honam, 20th Feb., 7.30 A.M. Manila--Per Rubi, 20th Feb., 9 A.M. Canton-Per Kinshan, 21st Feb., 9 A.M. Europe, &c., India, vin Tuncorin-Per Bell, H. F. Yarra, 23rd Feb., 11 A.M.

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The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. First Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-

On the 13th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer Gause, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Leslie C. Coptic, Br. s.s., 2,744, Armstrong, R.N.R., 12th has fallen generally in South China and the Feb.,—San Francisco 15th Jan., Honolulu Philippines and is probably highest over N. The depression in the N. of Japan has probably passed into the Pacific.

There is no information this morning from Hagan, Miss C. the North of Hongkong. Fresh to strong monsoon continues over the Foreget -- frach NE minds . Sma

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